



VILLAGE OF WALTON HILLS

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Journal

Dear Neighbors and Friends,

The month of November brings so many great opportunities for family and friends to gather together to reflect on the past, and look to the future. That too holds true for the leaders of the Village of Walton Hills. The decisions that I, along with Council make, are always carefully thought out and discussed because we know that our actions impact the entire Village. Our goal is to make the right decisions that will make Walton Hills a place where anyone can live, work and play; decisions that will grow our community during the next four years. With that said, we want to remember to stay focused on present events that have a long term impact on the Village of Walton Hills. We want to make sure that we do the best in the present to sustain the future of our community.

As the Mayor of Walton Hills, I strive daily to keep a positive attitude while showcasing my passion for the Village. When you have a positive attitude in your personal life and have a passion for something, it positively reflects in your work. I want Walton Hills to continue to succeed so I will always choose to be positive despite a lot of negativity that is constantly being filtered to residents, by residents. I would like to, once again, remind residents that you should always investigate anything that you hear. A lot of false statements and false accusations are constantly used to describe your elected officials and how the operations of Walton Hills are managed. Please investigate those false statements thoroughly. Remember, we are a transparent Village, and we're here to answer any questions you may have.

The way your elected leaders feel about this community is and has been demonstrated in many ways with the operations of our

Village, after all, we too have investments in this community and pay the taxes to sustain Walton Hills. Your current leaders, including myself, want Walton Hills to thrive in every way possible. We have used the word transparency during the last several years. Transparency, in a business or governance context, is honesty and openness. Transparency and accountability are generally considered the two main pillars of good corporate governance. For example, when it comes to the budget, your elected officials have always provided factual answers to residents' questions.

We have always answered any questions that you have and we post all information in the annual report as well as on our webpage, and in the Walton Hills Journal. One resident, whose name will remain anonymous, who has had many questions throughout the years, has always been afforded the opportunity to use our computer system and other hard copies of documents at Village Hall in order to learn the truths about the financial state of the Village of Walton Hills. We have extended our resources to those residents who have asked questions regarding the operations of the Village of Walton Hills. We want to keep you informed and that's why we keep answering the same types of questions that seem to confuse some of our residents.

Anyone who has ever served in a leadership position knows that you must always demonstrate high character by respecting those you work with and work for. By doing so, more will be accomplished. One example of our leadership maintaining a positive, respectful relationship with a group to sustain the Village of Walton Hills is with the Ford Motor Company. Recently, the

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Top row: Councilpersons Gloria Terlosky, Paul Rich, Mary Brenner-Miller, Brian Spitznagel

Bottom row: Councilman Don Kolograf, Mayor Kevin Hurst, Councilman Denny Linville

Legislation Approved at the 10.17.17 Council Meeting

Council meeting minutes are available in their entirety on the Village website

Resolution 2017-15 authorizes the mayor to apply to the Ohio Public Works Commission for a potential grant and/or loan for the funding of capital infrastructure improvement projects in the Village of Walton Hills.

Mayor's Letter

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Ford Motor Company notified us that the unsightly water tower will be coming down by the end of this month. Once it's down, the redevelopment of the property can move forward. Since it officially closed its doors, the Village of Walton Hills has kept a positive relationship with Ford, making each step in the closure, removal of equipment and redevelopment of the property go relatively smoothly.

Everyone is looking for instant success, but it doesn't work that way. We build a successful community one day at a time with a team effort. All winning teams are goal oriented. We all must be committed to one goal: sustaining the Village of Walton Hills now and in the future.

Don't forget to honor and say thank you to the men and women who have served our country on Veterans Day,

November 11th and I hope your Thanksgiving Day is filled with fun, laughter and fellowship with family and friends.

God Bless Walton Hills,

Kevin Hurst,

Mayor/Safety Director, **I.G.I.T.**



Thank You Carol James Florist

Our most sincere appreciation is extended to Carol James Florist, located at 451 Broadway Avenue in Bedford, for donating a beautiful floral arrangement for display in the Village Hall lobby every week.

Please patronize this wonderful florist! Their phone number is 440.786.1811.



Walton Hills Police Department Information

Stanley Jaworski, Interim Chief of Police / Councilman Denny Linville, Safety Committee Chair

Drive Alert . . . Arrive Alive

Most people are aware of the dangers of driving while intoxicated, but many do not know that drowsiness also impairs judgment, performance and reaction times just like alcohol and drugs. Studies show that being awake for more than 20 hours results in an impairment equal to a blood alcohol concentration of 0.08, the legal limit in all states. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that 100,000 police-reported crashes each year are caused primarily by drowsy driving and that such crashes result in more than 1,500 deaths, 71,000 injuries and \$12.5 billion in monetary losses. According to National Sleep Foundation surveys, half of American adults consistently report that they have driven drowsy and approximately 20% admit they have actually fallen asleep at the wheel before. Here are some facts about sleepiness behind the wheel and some tips to help you drive alert and arrive alive.

Signs of Sleepiness: Most people are not very good at predicting when they are about to fall asleep, but there are key warning signs to tell you when you are too tired to drive:

- Trouble focusing, keeping your eyes open or your head up
- Yawning or rubbing your eyes repeatedly
- Daydreaming and wandering thoughts
- Drifting from your lane, tailgating and missing signs or exits
- Feeling restless, irritable or aggressive
- Turning up the radio or rolling down the window
- Slower reaction time, poor judgment

These are signs that you may be at risk of falling asleep behind the wheel. If you experience any of these, pull over at a safe place, switch drivers, take a short nap, consume caffeine or find a place to sleep for the night!

Preventing a Fall-Asleep Crash: The best way to avoid a drowsy driving crash is to get adequate sleep on a regular basis, practice good sleep habits, and to seek treatment for sleep problems, should they arise.

In addition, here are some important driving – dos and don'ts:

DON'T

- ✓ Drive if you are tired or on medication that may cause drowsiness.
- ✓ Rely on the radio, an open window or other tricks to keep you awake.
- ✓ Drive at times when you would normally be sleeping.
- ✓ Drink even a small amount of alcohol, especially if you are sleepy.

DO

- ✓ Get a good night's sleep before a long drive.
- ✓ Get off the road if you notice any of the warning signs of fatigue.
- ✓ Take a nap – find a safe place to take a 15 to 20-minute nap.
- ✓ Consume caffeine – the equivalent of 2 cups of coffee can increase alertness for several hours, but DO NOT rely on it for long periods of time.
- ✓ Always wear a seat belt!

Walton Hills Police Department Information *(Continued)*

Stanley Jaworski, Interim Chief of Police / Councilman Denny Linville, Safety Committee Chair

Extreme Cold Preparedness

Extreme cold is a dangerous situation that can bring health emergencies to susceptible people, such as those without shelter or who are stranded, or who live in a home that is poorly insulated or without heat. To keep yourself and your family safe, you should know how to prevent cold-related health problems and what to do if a cold-weather health emergency arises.

When extreme cold weather occurs, keep these safety tips in mind:

- Stay indoors as much as possible. If you must go outside, wear several layers of loose-fitting, lightweight, warm clothing rather than one layer of heavy clothing. Outer garments should be tightly woven and water repellent. Always wear a hat and cover your mouth with a scarf to protect your lungs.
- Keep dry. Change wet clothing frequently to avoid a loss of body heat.
- Watch for signs of frostbite. These include loss of feeling and a white or pale appearance in extremities such as fingers, toes, ears and the tip of the nose. If symptoms are present, get medical help immediately.
- Watch for signs of hypothermia: uncontrollable shivering, memory loss, disorientation, slurred speech, drowsiness and apparent exhaustion. If symptoms of hypothermia are detected, get the victim to a warm location, remove wet clothing, warm the center of the body first and give warm, non-alcoholic beverages if the victim is conscious. Get medical help as soon as possible.
- Check on elderly or disabled relatives, friends or neighbors.
- Do not burn paper in a fireplace; ensure adequate ventilation if you must use a kerosene heater; use only the type of fuel your heater is designed to use – don't substitute; do not place a space heater within 3 feet of anything that may catch on fire, such as drapes, furniture, or bedding and never cover your space heater.

Did you know? You can lose 40 to 45 percent of your body heat from an unprotected head and even more from the unprotected, neck, wrists and ankles. These areas of the body are good radiators of heat and have very little insulating fat.

Heat your home safely: If you plan to use a wood stove, fireplace, or space heater, be extremely careful. Follow the manufacturer's instructions. Use fireplace, wood stoves or other combustion heaters only if they are properly vented to the outside and will not leak flue gas into the indoor air space.



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November Recreation News

Carol Stanoszek, Recreation Director (440) 786-2964 stanoszekc@waltonhillsohio.gov
Mary Brenner-Miller, Recreation and Community Life Committee Chairwoman

Event: VETERANS DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Date: Saturday, November 11th

Time: 10am - 2pm

Site: Village Hall Community Room

Cost: Veterans - Free

Adults - \$6

Kids (Ages 3-12) - \$3

Note: Sponsored by the Walton Hills Women's Club and the Village of Walton Hills. Breakfast will include pancakes, sausage, fruit salad and beverages.

Event: VETERANS DAY SERVICE

Date: Saturday, November 11th

Time: 11am

Site: Village Hall

Cost: Free

Note: Join us in honoring the men and women who have served our country in the US Armed Forces.

Event: WEST SIDE MARKET

Date: Thursday, November 16th

Time: Leaving the Community Center at 10:30am

Site: Cleveland

Cost: \$2 plus what you buy and eat

Note: Do some Thanksgiving shopping and enjoy spending the day with some friends!

Event: EVENING OF WINE & PAINTING

Date: Monday, November 20th

Time: 7pm

Site: Community Center (14660 Alexander Road)

Cost: \$20

Note: Enjoy a fun evening sipping wine and painting a masterpiece, or just have fun getting your inner Picasso out! You must sign up early for this, so please call (440) 786-2964 before Monday, November 13th.

Event: SENIOR LUNCH

Date: Monday, November 27th

Time: 11:15am

Site: Community Center (14660 Alexander Road)

Cost: \$7

Note: Enjoy a delicious lunch with neighbors and friends. We'll enjoy our time playing Bingo!

Event: CAROL'S BOOKWORMS

Date: Monday, November 27th

Time: 7pm

Site: Community Center (14660 Alexander Road)

Cost: Join our nice group of ladies to discuss our latest book.

Happy Thanksgiving!



*from the Recreation and
Community Life Department*

CAROL'S BOOKWORM REVIEW

Last month we read and discussed the book "The Leavers'," by Lisa Ko. We rated this book:



Out of 5

Walton Hills Events Transportation

The Recreation and Community Life Department would like to remind residents that all trips and/or events that require transportation leave from the Walton Hills Community Center located at 14660 Alexander Road.

For November,
this includes our trip to the West Side Market!

For Caregivers: When to Contact Adult Protective Services

Kathleen Kapusta, LISW-S Social Worker / Office Phone 216.524.5570

When should I call Adult Protective Services?

First, the most important thing to keep in mind: competent elders are adults who are entitled to make their own decisions. Even if you don't always agree with them. Mom is allowed to have new friends. She's also allowed to have a romantic life. Your brother who is crashing with them for a while is not necessarily taking advantage of them. Having said that, it's difficult to know at a distance whether a situation is exploitative or not. You may need to pay a visit in order to better assess the situation.

Secondly, another thing to keep in mind is that although you may report to a local agency about a situation where abuse, neglect or self-neglect seems to be an issue, do not expect that you will get a "report back" from the agency telling you about the outcome of the potential intervention. Once more, you may need to visit your aging loved one in person in order to fully assess the problem.

What other options are there?

Finally, there are often intermediate

steps you can take before you call protective services:

- ✓ Do you know any of your senior's other friends and neighbors in the area?
- ✓ Are they a member of a faith community or volunteer organization? Call someone close to them that you trust, and see if they can check in with your loved one and honestly assess the situation.
- ✓ There are an array of agencies and organizations in every community that offer family and caregiver support services that can be a great resource for caregivers who are living with their at-risk senior.

All that being said, a good Adult Protective Services team is often the best possible step you can take, especially with issues of health and safety. Adult Protective Services teams work hand in hand with other public agencies, and can offer targeted, multi-step solutions to complicated problems. These are painful, complicated, and heartbreaking

situations. There are rarely "good" answers, but know that whatever your problem is, the professionals have seen it before. Nothing will surprise them, so don't be afraid to ask for help.

Why APS?

Kathleen Kapusta, the Village of Walton Hills' Social Worker can provide you more information and assist you with exploring this decision and the referral process to APS. Remember, the goal is always protecting the welfare of your senior resident. A referral to Adult Protective Services is generally taken after all other avenues have been considered. Also, the intent is never to be punitive, but rather to afford resources to maintain a safe environment for a potentially at risk senior. If you have any questions regarding APS, please feel free to call Kathleen Kapusta at the number listed at the top of the page.

Source: My Medicare Matters / January 10, 2017 / Margie Johnson Ware, Aging and Health Specialist



Reminder:

**Election Day is Tuesday, November 7th
from 6:30am - 7:30pm.**

Reminder:

The Village Hall will be closed on



Thanksgiving Day

**Thursday, November 23rd
and Friday, November 24th.**



Street Commissioner's Report

Dan Stucky, Street Commissioner / Councilman Brian Spitznagel, Infrastructure Committee Chairman

Now that we are in full leaf collection mode, I wanted to remind all homeowners to please pile their leaves neatly across the front yard and close to the street pavement. We will continue the leaf pick-up process as long as necessary and as long as the weather holds out! We want to make sure that everyone's leaves are collected before the winter snow storms come howling into town!

We will begin our winter snow removal operations with a full complement of about 700 tons of salt that we have on hand. We have been very fortunate that the past couple of winters have been relatively mild and they did not require an over-abundance of salt usage on our Village's streets. We have also been very lucky in securing great salt prices again for the second consecutive year, which is always good news for our salt budget. Your safety is our top priority and we will once again be available on a 24/7 basis in an effort to keep our roads as safe and secure as possible.



Reminder: Due to Thanksgiving, trash pickup will be delayed. Trash will be collected on Saturday, November 25th.

Be Thankful for a Healthy Lawn

A healthy lawn is something we can all be thankful for. Here's a few ideas on keeping your lawn healthy during the harvest season:



- Fall is the best time to feed the lawn. Amend the soil according to the soil test results.
- Every 3 years, soil test in the late fall (or spring) to determine what nutrients need to be added to the soil. Testing can save money, time and prevent over application of nutrients. Kits can be found at local Soil and Water Conservation District or Cooperative Extension offices.
- Continue mulching leaves. Cut leaves smaller by mowing more than once with your mower, or add leaves to your compost pile.

Did You Know? Grass clippings left on lawn do not cause thatch. Nitrogen rich grass clippings are 80-90 percent water and break down quickly to feed the soil.

**CHANGE
YOUR
CLOCKS**

Reminder:

Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 5th. The official change – when you will move your clocks back an hour – will take place at 2:00am.

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Uninvited House Guests: Preventing and Dealing with Nuisance Wildlife

More than 75% of the US population lives in urban areas. While the growth of cities and subdivisions displaces some wildlife, many species actually benefit from urban growth and thrive in the habitat available in parks, undeveloped parcels of land and vacant lots, along streams and river corridors and in our backyard landscapes. Their presence can provide recreational and educational viewing opportunities. For many people, especially kids, viewing wildlife in the backyard is exciting. People and wildlife can peacefully coexist in most situations. However, there may be times when conflicts arise.

Sometimes the proximity of wildlife to people's homes can cause problems. The simplest and most effective solutions involve preventing wildlife problems before they happen, instead of coping with a wild animal who has become a trouble-causing resident. Most of the common problems associated with urban wildlife (for example, squirrels in the attic, skunks under the deck, or raccoons rooting through the garbage) can be avoided by implementing a few simple and inexpensive measures.

- Don't feed wildlife. If you choose to feed birds, place bird feeders where it's inaccessible to other wildlife. Use a feeder with a gravity-operated treadle to discourage squirrels and don't let spilled food accumulate.
- Trim tree branches that extend over your roof or install a three-
- foot-wide band of sheet metal (six feet above the ground) around the trunks of trees which overhang your house. This will reduce the access raccoons and squirrels have to your roof.
- Keep pet food inside; fence gardens and cover fruit trees and berry bushes with netting.
- Cover window wells with grates, bubbles or hardware cloth; seal up holes around and under home foundations. Bury ¼ inch mesh hardware cloth one to two feet deep in places where animals might gain access through digging.
- Store garbage in metal or plastic containers with tight-fitting lids. Keep the containers in the garage or shed and put trash out only when it's scheduled for pick up.
- Screen fireplace chimneys and furnaces as well as attic and dryer vents. Keep dampers



closed when not in use (consult a knowledgeable source to prevent fire or safety hazards).

- Seal all holes and cracks in your foundation, siding or stucco to keep rats, mice, bats, insects, and snakes out.
- Repair broken, weak or rotted areas on the roof, soffit and fascia of your house. Mark large windows with strips of white tape or raptor (hawk) silhouettes to avert birds from flying into the window.

You can contact the District Wildlife Office at (330) 664-2293 for a listing of nuisance wildlife trappers in your area, or for additional information on wildlife control. You can also check in the yellow pages under pest control to find private companies who may be able to help you out with uninvited house guests!

**Source: Division of Wildlife, Ohio
Department of Natural Resources**



Councilwoman Gloria Terlosky, Information Committee Chairwoman

Small print: **It will get you every time!**

Recently, I was browsing through advertisements from a store, let's call it "Markus," when I noticed it advertising A&W Root Beer for 77- cents. Since I was going to be hosting an ice cream social, I thought, great! What a deal! I'll buy a couple of bottles and some of my guests could make root beer floats if they wanted to. I went to "Markus" after church and picked up a few items including two bottles of A&W Root Beer. After looking at my receipt, I noticed that I was charged \$1.89 a piece for the pop. I said to the cashier, "I thought the root beer was 77-cents, not \$1.89." He told me to go to the service desk to speak with someone there.

So, over to the service desk I went! I told the service desk employee that I thought the root beer was supposed to be 77- cents. She asked me how many bottles I purchased. I said two. She told me, without blinking an eye, "You have to buy five bottles in order to get the lower price." Right then and there I knew they got me! How many other customers were victims of the "small print?"

I told the girl at the service desk that I no longer wanted the root beer and asked for a refund. She asked for my receipt and identification and then I had to sign my name on the little electronic pad. She gave me my refund and off I went. I think there should be a policy regarding the small print. It shouldn't be allowed! How many people get stung with the small print game? When they get home and check their receipts, they realize they paid more than what they expected for certain items. The stores aren't doing anything illegal, but let's be a little more fair to customers. The price of the item is as large as an elephant whereas the small print is legible only to fleas!

I bring this up, not to complain about the price of pop or how it's advertised, but because some people fall victim to the small print, on much more important documents that are signed every day! Small print may cause someone to lose a lot of money or something else of value! A lot of time and effort may then go into undoing something because you didn't read the small print! Take time to read everything. You know what they say. "If it's too good to be true, it probably isn't!"

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Calendar of Events

November 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Mayor's Court 4pm Planning Commission Mtg. 6pm	3	4
5 	6	7 Election 6:30am - 7:30pm C.O.W. Mtg. 6pm	8 Citizens League Mtg. 7pm	9 Mayor's Court 4pm	10	11 Pancake Breakfast 10am Veterans Day Service 11am
12	13 50 Plus Club Board Mtg. 10am	14 C.O.W. Mtg. 6pm	15 Women's Club Mtg. 7pm	16 West Side Market Leaving at 10:30am Mayor's Court 4pm	17	18
19 Walton Hills Lake Club Mtg. 6pm	20 50 Plus Club Mtg. 1pm Evening of Wine & Painting 7pm Antique Car Club 7pm	21 Council Mtg. 6pm	22	23 Thanksgiving Day - Village Hall Closed	24 Village Hall Closed	25 Trash Pickup (Thanksgiving) 7am
26	27 Senior Lunch 11:15am Carol's Bookworms 7pm	28	29	30 Mayor's Court 4pm		

Women's Exercise Class – Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 to 7:30pm in the Community Room

Mahjongg – Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 to 4pm at the Walton Hills Church of Christ

For the most up-to-date info, call the Village Voice Info Line 440.735.5001 Option 5
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